(c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has supported 2 projects for environmental studies in Pushkar area. These have been completed.

(d) This Ministry is not aware of any environmental scheme being implemented in the name of Pushkar agency.

(e) Does not arise.

Institute for De-Desertification in Rajasthan

3361. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the on-going schemes and institutions working to check the expansion of deserts in Rajasthan ;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon ;

(c) the achievements of the schemes and the works of these institutes so for ;

(d) the facilities, works included under desert development scheme ; and

(e) the amount proposed to be spent during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*English*]

Housing Commitments of D. D. A.

3362. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of his Ministry has been drawn to the news item captioned "DDA/can't go back on promises" appearing in the Indian Express dated April 10, 1991 ; and

(b) if so, the details of the directions given by the National Commission for Consumer Disputes Redressal to the D.D.A. and the steps taken to meet its obligations in the matter of constructing flats for the 1979 registrants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On a miscellaneous petition filed by one of the registrants of Rohini Residential Scheme, the National Commission for Consumer Disputes Redressal has directed the DDA that it should not confirm the auction sale in respect of Plot No. 36, Sector 8 pkt. I of Rohini Residential Scheme until further orders. However, the Commission has not granted stay of the auction which was scheduled to be held on 25th April, 91.

As regards the backlog of registrants awaiting for allotment under New Pattern Scheme, 1979. the same is expected to be cleared by the end of VIII Five Year Plan.

Illegal Appointment of Employees in D.D.A.

3363. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Additional Session Judge of Delhi has passed strictures

against D.D.A. in a case involving fraudulent appointments of thousands of employees who got employed in D.D.A. on the basis of forged transfer orders ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the manner in which these persons who got themselves recruited in the D.D.A. on the basis of forged document are proposed to be dealt ;

(d) the steps taken to review all the appointments made in D.D.A. likewise to see if there are more such cases of forged recruitment ; and

(e) the procedure for recruitment of staff in the D.D.A. categorywise and the present state of vacancies therein and how is it proposed to fill up the vacancies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In MCA No. 112/91 & 102/91 decided on 17-7-1991, Shri S. N. Dhingra, Addl. Distt. Judge Delhi has observed as under :

"There is no doubt that these appellants have become victims of a conspiracy of mafia or organised gang involving the high officials of D.D.A.".

"I cannot restrain myself from observing that this case is a tell-tale story of functioning of the DDA and the integrity of some of DDA officials and to that an extent mafia is at play".

No particular officer/official of DDA has been indicated by the Court.

The above referred observations have been made while disposing of the applications for grant of interim relief during pendency of the main case. The suits are still pending final disposal, 81 cases of fradulent appointments have so far been detected and FIRs were lodged with local police.

(c) 81 persons detected have been dismissed. The Govt. has advised the DDA to refer the case to CBI.

(d) All Chief Engineers, General Manager (ISBT) were asked to look into the appointments of all work-charged employees for detection of fraudulent cases. Vice-Chairman, DDA has also asked the Chief Vigilance Officer to further look into the matter and fix responsibility wherever fraudulent appointments are detected or involvement of DDA staff is found.

(e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980

3364. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Forest Conservation Act, 1980 has been violated in each state during last three years ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make this act more effective ?